



A Messenger of God's Presence in Southeastern Oklahoma

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Dear Friends and Parents,

Thought I'd take a moment and share a few things with you about our ministry efforts.

- Playground construction has begun and new playground equipment has been ordered. Even though the work has not progressed as everyone had hoped, it should be wrapped up within a couple weeks. We are very close to having all the money we need. Thank you to everyone for making that happen.
- As of Monday, March 23, 2009, we have no one that has come forward to lead either of our 4-K children's church programs (although I am speaking with someone today about that possibility). This is a paid position. Please make certain that it is also a prayed position. We can't fail in this. All kids need a safe, warm inviting and encouraging place to go when they come to church. Don't they?
- Our nursery responsibilities are now being divided between Kay Pierce and Lynette Smith.
- Shannah Arthur has joined our First Friends teaching staff and will remain through the year's end. Welcome Shannah!
- VBS
 - ~~I have two HUGE and immediate needs for VBS this year: Director and Secretary/Enrollment. Please do not hesitate to call me about either of these opportunities. They are vital to our success and need to be filled very quickly. Make no mistake: I NEED YOU! and so do our kids.~~
 - VBS Dates: June 22-26
 - FAMILY NIGHT is on FRIDAY, not Thursday. We will bring back Kids Celebration as we did last year. If you missed it...you missed it!! Wow, it was awesome.
 - Sign up to lead and teach soon.
- Falls Creek Children's Camp, May 23-27: signup info at our info center on the bulletin board. Info and downloadable forms will be available soon on our website. fbcdurant.org
 - NOTE: We leave late Saturday, not after church on Sunday. This is different than what we have ever done prior.

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

1 Corinthians 15:56-58

- Kids Cash store is on Connection Sunday, June 7. Please help your kids bring their KidsCash. They are so very sad when they forget!
- Wet, Wild, Wacky Wednesday is back! May 20. Location TBA.
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Our schedule continues to take shape and I'm excited to announce we now have the next piece of the puzzle: a dedicated 4-6 grade class. YEAH! So this is what we look like on Wednesday now.

5:45 choirs for kids

6:00 Kids on Mission

6:30-7:30

Puppets	201A
Drama	207, fifth grade ss room
1-3 Bible Skills	210, second grade ss room
4-6 Bible Skills	CWC

Children will be picked up from these rooms at 7:30 pm. Currently, we cannot offer rec-time and may not continue this in the future; at least not in the same way we were doing recreation.

Please pray for everyone involved in children's ministry and especially for children's church, VBS and our Wednesday night programming.

Also please continue to pray for the formation of a bus ministry.

FINALLY, please remember to pick up your children promptly when class is over. Sometimes it's easy to forget that our teachers and leaders also need to pick up children and go to church and they can't do that until you pick up your little ones. Much obliged!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris